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INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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TAGS: EALR ENRG CA
SUBJECT: CANADIAN EAST COAST OIL EXPLORATION:
EASTCAN SAYS NO
REF: HALIFAX 0085

1. ACCORDING TO FEB 22 PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS, EASTCAN EXPLORATION LTD AND PROVINCE OF NFLD FAILED TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. EASTCAN, CONSEQUENTLY, WILL NOT DRILL OFF LABRADOR DURING 1978 DRILLING SEASON. PROVINCIAL ENERGY MINISTER BRIAN PECKFORD CLAIMS FACT THAT EASTCAN IS A CONSORTIUM REQUIRING UNANIMITY AMONG PARTNERS IN REACHING MAJOR DECISIONS WAS A MAJOR REASON WHY AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED.

2. ALTHOUGH EASTCAN COULD PROCEED WITH DRILLING UNDER ITS FEDERAL LICENSE, IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO DO SO. PECKFORD HAS WARNED THAT IF NFLD WINS UPCOMING COURT CASE AGAINST OTTAWA ON OWNERSHIP OF OFFSHORE NATURAL RESOURCES, COMPANIES WHICH HAVE NOT QUALIFIED FOR PROVINCIAL DRILLING PERMITS STAND TO FORFEIT THEIR OFFSHORE LEASES.

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3. WITH EASTCAN OUT OF THE PICTURE THIS YEAR, ONLY PLANNED CANADIAN EAST COAST DRILLING IN 1978 SEEMS TO BE EXPLORATORY DRILLING TO BE CONDUCTED BY PETROCAN AND SHELL CANADA IN AREA 150 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HALIFAX.

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